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# Roles of the Subdivision Review Committee pertaining to Land Use Planning and Development Requirements in Howard County, Maryland

#### Introduction:

The information presented hereon is designed to provide you with a quick reference overview of the development plan review responsibilities of the County's Subdivision Review Committee (SRC- an advisory group of County and State agencies that review and make recommendations concerning development projects in Howard County). The information provided shall be used for general reference purposes only, since regulations, policies and agency review responsibilities may change over a period of time.

#### Subdivision Review Committee Agencies

### Department of Planning and Zoning

Division of Land Development Division of Public Services & Zoning Admin. Division of Comprehensive & Comm. Planning Division of Resource Conservation Division of Research

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## Development Plan Review Responsibilities

- Administers and implements the Subdivision and Land Development Regulations and **Process**
- Enforces Zoning Regulations (i.e. density, setbacks, minimum lot size, parking, etc.) and **Subdivision Regulations**
- Final approval authority on all subdivision and development plans
- General Plan goals and objectives
- Environmental analysis (i.e. wetlands, streams, floodplain, soils, steep slopes, forests, proposed grading, etc.)
- Subdivision lot arrangement and road network design
- Adequate Public Facilities (APFO) requirements (schools and roads)
- Forest Conservation requirements
- Agricultural land preservation
- Landscaping requirements
- Historic sites and scenic roads
- Street name approval
- Staff assistance to the Planning Board
- Chairs the Subdivision Review Committee
- Grading permit review for environmental, forest conservation and landscaping requirements
- Staff assistance to the Design Advisory Committee
- Transfer of Development Rights
- Green Neighborhood and building

	requirements
	o Route 1 and Route 40 Manual requirements
	Open Space requirements
	o Project Dox Assistance
Department of Planning and Zoning	o Enforces the Howard County Design Manual
Development Engineering Division	Requirements
	o Design standards for roads, highways, bridges,
George Howard Building	stormdrains, and public water and sewer
3430 Courthouse Drive	o Stormwater management and ECP Plans
Ellicott City, MD 21043	o 100 year floodplain studies
(410) 313-2350	o Traffic studies and APF roads testing
planning@howardcountymd.gov	Easements and utility design
	o Street lights, street trees, curbing and
Chad Edmondson, Chief	sidewalks
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	Site drainage and grading
	Road entrance sight distance analysis
	Paving specifications
	Retaining walls
Department of Public Works	Developer Agreements and bonding
Real Estate Services Division	o Collection of development and street light fees
3430 Courthouse Drive	o Preparation of easement documents and
Ellicott City, MD 21043	recording
(410) 313-2330	Preservation documents
Melanie Bishop, Chief	Forest Conservation documents
mbishop@howardcountymd.gov	Open Space deeds
Soil Conservation District	Soil erosion and sediment control
14735 Frederick Road	o Pond safety and as-builts
Cooksville, MD 21723	o Farm planning for DPZ Agricultural Land
(410) 313-0680	Preservation
David Plummer and Bob Robertson	o Soils plan
dplummer@howardcountymd.gov	Temporary (during grading) stormwater
brobertson@howardcountymd.gov	management
	o Wetlands, streams, and floodplain protection
	o Forest conservation
	o Conservation Plan
Department of Recreation and Parks	Recreation and Parks Master Plans/
7120 Oakland Mills Road	Comprehensive Plans
Columbia, MD 21046	Open space design standards
(410) 313-1695	o Protection of sensitive environmental areas
Paul Walsky	o Pathway layout and design
pwalsky@howardcountymd.gov	o Greenways
product forms managements	Dedication of Open Space
	Forest Conservation
	Fee-in-lieu of open space
	o rec in new or open space

MDOT- State Highway Administration (SHA): Regional Engineer District 7 Access Management Howard, Frederick & Carroll Counties 5111 Buckeystown Pike Frederick, Md. 21704  D. Scott Newill, Regional Engineer 301-624-8151 (voice) snewill@sha.state.md.us	<ul> <li>State roads and highway design</li> <li>Entrance and access restriction requirements</li> <li>Traffic Studies and APF road test</li> <li>Acceleration/deceleration lanes</li> <li>Noise studies and stormwater management design issues related to state roads</li> </ul>
Public School System  10910 Route 108 Ellicott City, MD 21042  (410) 313-7184  Renee Kamen  reneekamen@hcpss.org	<ul> <li>School development criteria</li> <li>APF schools test</li> <li>Sidewalks, pathways and bus stops</li> </ul>
Department of Fire and Rescue Services Gateway Center, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive Columbia, MD 21046 (410) 313-6006 Gordon Wallace gwallace@howardcountymd.gov	<ul> <li>Fire safety code</li> <li>Fire hydrants</li> <li>Use-in-common driveway criteria</li> <li>Street name approval</li> <li>Fire Lanes</li> </ul>
Environmental Health Department  8930 Stanford Blvd.  Columbia, MD 21045  (410) 313-4261  Jeff Williams  jewilliams@howardcountymd.gov	<ul> <li>Private water and sewerage design and approval</li> <li>Percolation test data</li> <li>Shared septic systems</li> <li>Food facility review</li> <li>Public / community pool review</li> </ul>
Department of Inspections, Licenses & Permits George Howard Building 3430 Court House Drive Ellicott City, MD 21043 (410) 313-2436 James Hobson jhobson@howardcountymd.gov	<ul> <li>Building Codes</li> <li>Building and grading permits</li> <li>Americans with Disabilities Act and MD</li> <li>Building Code for Handicapped</li> <li>Green Building requirements</li> </ul>
Police Department  Warfield Building  3410 Court House Drive  Ellicott City, MD 21043  (410) 313-3200  policeliaison@howardcountymd.gov	<ul><li>Public safety concerns</li><li>Pathways and sidewalks</li></ul>

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